

a.) Amendments to the Claims

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ An isolated DNA encoding the protein having comprising the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO. 2.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ An isolated DNA having comprising the nucleotide sequence represented by SEQ ID NO. 1 NO.3.

Claim 4 (Cancelled).

5. (Currently Amended) A recombinant vector ~~containing~~ comprising the DNA according to any one of Claims 2 or 3 and a vector.

6. (Currently Amended) A transformant ~~which is obtained by introducing~~ comprising a host cell harbouring the vector according to Claim 5 into a host cell.

7. (Currently Amended) A process for producing protein, which comprises culturing the transformant according to claim 6 in a medium to produce and accumulate ~~the human Nap1 protein encoded by the DNA according to claim 2 or 3~~ comprising the amino acid represented by SEQ ID NO:2, in the culture and harvesting the protein ~~from the culture to be obtained.~~

Claim 8-39 (Cancelled)